SUBJECT No. 86.

Grant of wood and timber from State Forests.

Messrs. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere taluk, and Santappa Setty, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the gradual inclusion of District Forests in the State Forests, the raiyats are losing the privileges they had of getting firewood and timber for agricultural implements. It is therefore prayed that they may be allowed these privileges in State Forests also.

In District Forests timber trees are cut and raiyats are deprived of them. State Forests are formed near inhabited villages.

Reply of Government.—Will be provided in the Village Forest Scheme. District Forests should not be worked by the department.

SUBJECT No. 87.

Grant of license at concession rates for timber from District Forests.

Mr. Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is understood that a restriction is being imposed confining the raiyats' privileges for timber, etc., at concession rates to the District Forest assigned to their village only.

District Forests are not assigned to some villages while, in the case of others having a forest assigned, the required kind or quantity of timber cannot be had in them. It is therefore prayed that a raiyat may be given the privilege of obtaining timber at concession rates in any District Forest he may choose.

The Deputy Commissioner of the Shimoga District stated that the hardship was a real one in the maidan, where there is not a sufficient number of District Forests to be assigned to each village.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 88.

Reduction of seigniorage on timber.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The rate of seigniorage on timber has of late been considerably increased. As buildings deteriorate more quickly in the malnad, it is natural that people there require more timber than elsewhere. Frequent raising of rates would lead to increasing hardship to the maland raiyats. Since there is a large export of timber to outside countries, it is prayed that a concession rate may be fixed for sale to natives of Mysore.

(*b*) Concession rates have been refused to villagers of maidan parts. It is prayed that the raiyats in the maidan parts may be allowed the same concession as those in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 89.

Sale of minor forest produce.

Mr. Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Kadubende*, *thadasalu*, *koul*, etc., are indispensable to malnad raiyats for cultivation purposes. These are now being auctioned, and the revenue derived therefrom is not much. But the raiyats are much inconvenienced by their sale. It is therefore prayed that this produce may be exempted from sale.

Reply of Government.—Noted.